

BOONE COUNTY DIVORCE RATE GOES LOWER

Ratio Is One in Every Seven
Marriages, a Decrease From
One-in-Three Standing
of Year 1918.

JOPLIN LEADS STATE

Average for Missouri Is One
in 6 3-4 Weddings—for
Whole United States
One in Nine.

There were in Boone County during the year 1919, 38 divorces and 289 marriages. This is a ratio of about one to seven, a great decrease from the record of 1918 which stood about one divorce to every three marriages.

A sociologist attributes the record of 1918 to the abnormal condition caused by the war. There were fewer marriages during that time and many divorces were probably tried that had been carried

over from the preceding year. The year 1918 was a record breaker as percentages stand.

The last docket of the Circuit Court contained about twenty-nine divorce cases. Probably half of them were carried over from the preceding session and slightly over half were granted. If a case is not granted it is carried over or dismissed. Many cases are carried over because plaintiff's notice has not been served the proper length of time.

The petitions of this county contain the usual number of complaints, desertion, cruelty, nonsupport, etc. Indigities are included in almost every application for divorce.

Last year's record places Boone County again on an average with the other counties of the state. The percentage for the state as a whole is one divorce to every six and three-fourths marriages. The average for the United States is about one to nine.

Joplin leads Missouri in percentage of divorce cases. There they run one divorce to every two marriages. With the exception of regular divorce colonies, Joplin stands at the head of the cities of the country in this respect.

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HAS TWO MUSICAL FEATURES

"In Melody Lane" and "I'd Love To Part of 'Hoop-La' Program.

"In Melody Lane" is the musical comedy feature of "Hoop-La" in which the following Stephens and Christian College girls will appear: Gertrude Kaide, Ellen Stidham, Bernice Harris, Phyllis Lacy, Hattie Redman, Ula May Leslie, Elizabeth Franklin, Helen Dillenbeck, Katharine Handy, Opal Proctor, Annie Ruth Bowlin, Edna Brown, Inez Bell, Dorothy Cox, Lucille Dyer, Edna Penn Wheat, Peggy O'Connell, Lucille Richardson, and Hazel Gibson. "I'd Love To" is the musical hit from "Listen Lester" with which this feature of the show opens. Extra scenes have been added by the director, Paul Lambier, and the dance was prepared by a professional dancing master of Chicago, E. J. Toller, who states that this dance is as difficult as many which are being used today on the professional boards.

The cannibals who take walk on to the stage in the first act of "Hoop-La," leading the King and Queen of Borneo Isle and the Borneo Maids, attended by Fitch and Carry, are the following: Bill Davidson, the bowman artist; Jerry Wadell, Gasoline Bill; a speed king, Gus Berck; I. L. Bolander, the cut glass fly swatter salesman; Melvin Fuller, Pin in Turner will appear as R. Scudille, a man about the island; G. M. Barnhart as L. Don Telling is foreman at the feast.

er foundry and Henry La Cossette takes the part of O. G. Gosh, who refuses to be "canned." Harry McCray takes the role of L. L. Okey, who has recently been married, and Tancy Beaumont appears as Dr. Vanced, a grass hopper. It is when Weak Chin and Black Ax, the two first edition ends, come bounding in that the program starts.

MEETINGS

There will be a meeting of the Academic Club at the Academic Hall Auditorium at 7:15 tomorrow evening. Girls are invited.

Soon Ann will talk about his native country, Korea, at the students Volunteer Band meeting at 7:15 o'clock Thursday night in Lowry Hall.

The second rehearsal for "Plots and Playrights" will be held at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, probably in the University Auditorium.

AT THE THEATERS

COLUMBIA, tonight and Thursday: Mildred Harris Chaplin, the wife of the well known comedian, comes to the Columbia Theatre for tonight and tomorrow in a very pretty story of domestic life entitled "The Inferior Sex." This actress

is equipped to play the star role in a picture of this kind for her own domestic life has been anything but easy. At the present time she is suing for a divorce on the grounds of cruelty. A Chester Outing Scene and a Topics of the Day complete the program.

HALL, Friday and Saturday: The dynamic Douglas Fairbanks in his offering "The Mollycoddle" will be seen at the Hall Theatre this week-end.

It is a typical Fairbanks picture, with all the thrills and humor that he can put into a production. Harold Lloyd in "Captain Kidd's Kid" will furnish some laughs that Fairbanks left out.

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